

CALLED HIM A LIAR

Representative Oates' Caustic Reply to Editor Hawkins.

REGARDS HIM AS A JACKASS

And Says If He Is Offended to Call and He Will Give Him Satisfaction.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 9.—Gen. Morton L. Hawkins, editor of the St. Louis Chronicle, today received the following letter from Congressman Oates of Alabama:

"HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE,
"WASHINGTON, Nov. 4, 1893.
"To the Editor of the Chronicle, St. Louis:

"Sir,—I have just read your editorial on me headed 'Use for Bloodhounds.' It is predicated upon a clause in the bankruptcy bill of which I have charge which simply provides, I take it, a writ of habeas corpus for a bankrupt who is not a debtor, but a creditor, and who is imprisoned in the jurisdiction in which his case is pending, when his presence or testimony is shown to be necessary to the proceedings of the court, may be arrested and detained, but not imprisoned until the testimony is obtained or the judicial proceeding in which he is needed has been passed upon. That is in no wise a harsh measure, nor is it imprisonment for debt in any sense. Any man who has ever read the bill and noticed the provision you speak of, and will then read your article, will readily decide that you are either a liar or a fool. You know what you are writing about, then I tell you you are an infamous liar. If you don't know what you are writing about, then I put you down as a fool, and will take no further notice of you. I regard you as a jackass, but still, if you are offended at these remarks, come and see me and I will give you satisfaction."

WILLIAM C. OATES.

LEGISLATURE REPUBLICAN.

Returns from New York Show They Have Both Branches.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Corrected returns make no changes in the result of New York elections from that sent out election night. There will be nineteen republicans and thirteen democrats in the senate. Daniel Bradley, elected for the Fifth district, is an independent democrat elected by republican votes in opposition to a regular democrat, and is classed among the republicans. McCarthy will lose seat if the Gravesend vote is thrown in. In the assembly there is one change. William D. McQuinn (democrat) is elected over George P. Hays (republican) in the Ninth, King's county, district. This will make the assembly stand seventy-four republicans and fifty-four democrats. The republicans will have a majority of twenty-six on joint ballot.

Want No Tariff Tinkering.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Senator John Sherman is highly elated at the majority gained by the republicans in the senate. "I regard the result as a protest of the unemployed against any radical changes in the tariff. I do not think the silver issue had much to do with it. Both parties in Ohio are sound on the money question and each is entirely satisfied with what congress has done regarding it."

Michigan Man Named.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Frank I. Darling of Michigan and John G. Townsend of Illinois have been appointed special examiners in the pension office. The appointment will be announced today by George G. Tanner as surveyor of customs at Indianapolis, Ind. Charles E. Davis of Mount Auburn, Ill., was appointed Indian agent at the Colorado river agency, Arizona.

Republicans Carried the State.

YAKTONT, S. D., Nov. 9.—Two days have passed since the election and nothing definite is as yet obtainable. That every one of the republican candidates is elected is assumed, but the number of votes cast and the majority are not announced and will not be for at least two days.

Light Keepers Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The following lightkeepers have been appointed: Edward Conroy, at Bar Point shoal; Christopher Cripe, at Railroad Reef; George A. Dillon, at Lime Kiln crossing, north; August Grauer, at Lime Kiln crossing, south.

Two Officials Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Secretary Carlisle has appointed George G. Tanner as surveyor of customs at Indianapolis, Indiana, and Calvin Price collector of internal revenue for the district of Maine and New Hampshire.

Harrison Elected Judge.

LEICESTER, Neb., Nov. 9.—Sufficient returns have been received to make certain the election of Harrison, for judge of the supreme court and the entire republican state ticket.

SWIFT TAKES THE OATH.

Mayor Peck Ties, Presided at Chicago Aldermanic Meeting.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Alderman George B. Swift sat in the black draped chair of the mayor in the city council chamber tonight as mayor of Chicago. His quiet inauguration was witnessed by a large number of citizens. In his recent address a seat was placed a towering mass of chrysanthemums and roses. He made no speech after taking the oath of office, and the regular business of the council, which has been interrupted by the assumption of Mayor Harrison, and the political conflict was taken up at once. The question of co-operating with the exposition directors in regard to moving the manufacturers' building to the lake front park at a cost of \$60,000 to the city came up, but the aldermen did not regard the project favorably.

COLLIDED IN A FOG.

A Passenger Train Struck a Freight Running Against Orders.

COLUMBIA, O., Nov. 9.—A passenger train on the Columbus, Hooking Valley and Toledo railroad collided with a freight train twelve miles north of Columbus at 7 o'clock this evening, and four lives were lost in the wreck. The passenger was southbound, and should have reached here at 6:30. It was a hand-on collision, and the freight train was running on the passenger track without orders to do so. There was a

ONE MAN IN HIDING

Survivor of Lost Boat of the Albany-Philadelphia Disaster.

IS BEING HELD A CAPTIVE

By the Captain of Schooner Dunford Until After the Inquest—Mystery as to Cause of Collision.

EAST TAWAS, Mich., Nov. 9.—The mystery surrounding the loss of the twenty-four men in the second lifeboat from the steamer Philadelphia, was greatly deepened today by the announcement of the captain of the schooner Dunford that he has one man alive from the overturned boat who is being held in hiding until after the inquest. The Dunford was in tow of the City of Concord, on which steamer the Point aux Barques life saving crew placed the bodies. The Dunford's captain refuses to divulge the survivor's name or to enter into any particulars.

The coroner is making little progress in getting at the facts of the disaster; both Captain Huff of the Philadelphia and First Mate Drury of the Albany refused today to testify as to the signals exchanged by the steamers before the collision. The jury has demanded that both men be placed on the stand again when a strong effort will be made to force out the facts. Captain Huff testified positively that the boat and men that were lost were all right when they left the Philadelphia. The crushed skull of the first mate could not have been done by the propeller wheel as the boat's rudder was harder and the stern of the Philadelphia swung off.

YAWL WAS STOVE IN.

It Was Found Twenty-Two Miles Out in the Lake.

SAND BEACH, Mich., Nov. 9.—The Point aux Barques life saving crew found one body under the yawl, about twenty miles from land. The yawl had a hole in her bow. She was probably run into by some passing boat, as she was stove from her stern to her second thwart, clear to her keel. This explains definitely the death of the men who set out in boat No. 2. Whether the Philadelphia or another steamer ran into the yawl remains to be seen. The recovered body was shipped to Port Huron in care of the Philadelphia agents. It was the remains of a young man, who looked like a deckhand. He had a handkerchief in his pocket marked with the letter B.

BATTLE CREEK WRECK.

Taking Testimony Before the Coroner's Inquest Resumed.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Nov. 9.—The coroner's inquest on the victims of the Grand Trunk accident was resumed this morning. Fire Chief Weeks testified that the alarm was turned in at 4:15 and that the department was on the scene six minutes later. Mrs. Van Dusen's head had been burned off when the firemen reached the wreck. A line of hose had been laid by the trainmen, but no water thrown. This afternoon the jury went to the hospital to hear the testimony of the victims who are yet unable to move about. One of them, J. Harvey Smith, testified that he was in car No. 12 and was awake when the collision occurred. The train did not slacken speed. He thought all the occupants of the train escaped except Mrs. Van Dusen. The fire started immediately after the crash.

CLASS PRESIDENT KIDNAPED.

Tied to a Tree in the Woods by Upper Classmen.

ALBION, Mich., Nov. 9.—There was a lively time among the students last night. The freshmen gave their spread and declared that any attacking parties would be met with clubs and red pepper. The upper classmen did not relish pepper for the first course, and accordingly kidnapped the class president, and detained him in some neighboring woods, tied to a tree, until the feed was nearly over. Both the young people have heretofore borne a good reputation. Friends will try to arrange a marriage.

SHOT AT HER BETRAYER.

George Heath Attempts to Avenge His Daughter's Wrong.

HASTINGS, Mich., Nov. 9.—George Heath, a photographer, shot at Adelbert Sutton yesterday afternoon. Young Sutton has been going with one of Heath's daughters, a young lady of 20. Tuesday evening she slipped out, but her relatives followed her and brought her back. Heath had always taken pride in his family. Smarting under the humiliation of certain revelations he undertook to settle the matter in his way. He was arrested, but his case will not be pushed. Both the young people have heretofore borne a good reputation. Friends will try to arrange a marriage.

Salt Blocks Leased.

LEICESTER, Mich., Nov. 9.—Thomas Percy, the owner of the large salt blocks here, has just leased the salt block of Thomas R. Lyon for one year, with the privilege of five, and will put in many improvements and run it for all it is worth during the winter. This last move, it is said, makes Mr. Percy the largest salt producer in the world. Mr. Percy commenced his career in this line by putting down salt wells for the pioneers in salt making, and now he is king of them all.

Michigan Penitents.

Original—John W. Bellows, Union; Jack Clark, Middleton; Eugene Kuper, Grand Rapids; Increase W. Frank Hughes, Detroit; Phineas J. Farley, Tecumseh; Sidney Roddick, Inkster; Leroy Stuck, Grand Rapids; Edwin A. Haver, Alhambra; Herman W. Sweeney, Saginaw; Release—William H. Sweeney, Grosse Pointe; Jacob Mays, Afton; James A. Blanchard, Irving; Oliver Widows, etc.—Ludena Myers, Caro; Mary J. Irwin, Leslie.

Lake Angeline Strike.

INTERFERING, Mich., Nov. 9.—The men who went out on a strike at the Lake Angeline mine are still idle. About two-thirds of the men will work if allowed to do so, but the remainder have agreed to stay out unless the advance in wages to \$2 a day is given them.

The mine will not be worked for a few days until the excitement dies out, and then only those who are willing to work under the old scale will be employed.

Examination Postponed.

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 9.—The examination of Nelson Bradley, late cashier of the Central Michigan Savings bank, who was arrested on suspicion of State Banking Commissioner Sherwood for making a false report of the condition of the bank, has been adjourned until the 21st inst., at the request of the banking commissioner, who is unavoidably absent from the city.

Texas Cattle Fever.

MORRIS, Mich., Nov. 9.—Some six weeks ago a train load of cattle was unloaded at Morris for food and water, and five head of cattle belonging to two farmers, across whose lands they were driven to water, have died of Texas cattle fever. Farmers fear the disease will spread if cold weather does not set in soon. The state authorities will be notified.

Republic Mine to Resume.

REPUBLIC, Mich., Nov. 9.—Orders have been received by the superintendent of the Republic mine to resume operations December 1. About 200 men will be employed at \$40 per day for miners and \$1 per day for surface laborers. This is about two-thirds of the wages paid when the mine was closed, but the men are anxious to work at any price.

Would-be Groom Arrested.

PORT HURON, Mich., Nov. 9.—Frank Westrick of St. Clair is under arrest charged with trying to marry Eunice E. Jackway, who, it is alleged, is only 14. The girl wants to marry Westrick, but her father appeared on the scene just as the ceremony was to be performed and had her intended groom arrested.

Cheese Factory Burned.

ADRIAN, Mich., Nov. 9.—F. S. Beatty & Son's cheese factory, burned at Moroni yesterday. The plant and entire contents, consisting of machinery and 400 cheese, were totally destroyed. Loss is estimated at \$15,000; insured for \$25,000. It is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Big Blast at Ishpeming.

ISHPEMING, Mich., Nov. 9.—The warehouse of F. Brastrand & Co. and the Miller Brewing company were consumed last night. The total loss to Brastrand's stock and building is about \$15,000; insurance, \$8,000. Miller's loss is about \$3,000, fully covered by insurance.

Scaffolding Gave Away.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 9.—The scaffolding on the new recitation building gave way this morning, throwing several workmen to the ground. Charles Jahase broke his leg; August Tesmer received a bad scalp wound, and other workmen received slight injuries.

Escaped Convict Captured.

JACKSON, Mich., Nov. 9.—A convict named Russell, who escaped from the prison today, was captured at Hanover about 2 o'clock this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Gillespie and was again locked up at 4 o'clock.

Judge Moore Is Ill.

LAPORTE, Mich., Nov. 9.—The circuit court of Laporte county, in session here, has adjourned, owing to the illness of Judge J. B. Moore.

Postmasters Commissioned.

George F. Barbarin, Fredrick; Arthur J. Kremer, Humansville; Michael W. Ryan, Midland.

State News in Brief.

A party of government surveyors are at Grand Haven taking measurements of the hills and beach on the lake shore to find what action the wind and sea has upon them.

Two Ann Arbor Students Disguised.

Two Ann Arbor students disguised themselves as girls and attended a cotillion party Monday, but were discovered during the evening and forcibly fired.

Hillsdale High School Seniors.

Hillsdale high school seniors who were suspended by the superintendent some time ago have been re-instated after apologizing for their insubordination.

Mrs. William McIntyre of Saginaw has sued the F. & P. M. railroad for \$10,000 for the loss of her husband, killed by a freight train July 23.

The steam large R. C. Reid has been bought by the Graham & Morton company from Chicago parties for \$18,000, and taken to St. Joseph.

Frank Devries was acquitted by a jury at Grand Haven Wednesday of the charge of murdering Henry Dyke of Olive township.

J. F. Barlick, a traveling physician, was arrested Tuesday at Bay City, and fined \$25 for practicing without a certificate.

A reward of \$300 has been offered for the capture of John Thomas, who is called Mrs. David Rhodes of Oshkosh.

Sidney Myers of St. Joseph has been sent to Jackson prison for nine years for shooting Policeman Gange through the arm.

Madell & Oliver's store at Ably, Huron county, was burned Tuesday night. Loss \$50,000, insurance \$4,000.

The barn of Delos Throop of Belle-

ville was burned Tuesday morning; loss \$2,000.

The price of Michigan salt is only 40 cents for 285 pounds quality.

The small steamer Antelope has been tied up at Grand Haven for debt.

Detroit will not be allowed to enter the National base ball league.

Twenty buildings were built in Carsonville the past summer.

Carsonville has a fire engine, but no engine company or water.

Consul Dean of Charlotte will sail for Italy November 25.

Farmers of Stockbridge have organized a club.

Black diphtheria is prevalent in Tuscola county.

Ottawa county has eight Good Templar lodges.

Ann Arbor has a population of 13,500.

Christian Workers Meet.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 9.—The International Christian Workers' convention assembled here this morning. There are about 800 delegates present from the United States, Canada, England, Scotland and France. The convention after welcoming addresses by Governor Northern and others proceeded to business. The session will continue for eight days and much interest is being manifested in the gathering.

Oriental Mills Resumed.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 9.—The Oriental mills at the north of the city, which have been shut down for about two years, the result of the failure of Reed Bros., started up today.

MANY OF THEM SHOT

Peasants Attempting to Rescue Priests From Being Exiled.

ARE FIRED UPON BY COSSACKS

And Many Killed and Wounded—After Dispersing the Peasants They Are Started for Siberia.

BERLIN, Nov. 9.—Advices have been received here from St. Petersburg that twenty-two catholic priests were a few days ago exiled from the Viatska district, in which they had been charged with the care of souls on the charge that they had opposed the authorities. They were to be sent to Grodno and Kieff. Yesterday, under guard, the priests started for their destinations. A large number of peasants gathered and seeing that the priests were being forced to leave, made an attempt to rescue them from the guardsmen which had them in charge. A desperate fight followed. The peasants would most likely have succeeded in their object had not the guardsmen been reinforced by a number of Cossacks. Even then the peasants continued to fight for the release of the priests. Finally the Cossacks fired into the crowd, killing and wounding many persons. The affair has caused great excitement among the peasants who at no time are lovers of the Cossacks. Further trouble is feared. The priests, knowing full well that there could be only one outcome to such a dispute tried their best to calm the excited feelings of the peasants and thus avoid bloodshed. The peasants, however, would not listen to them, but insisted upon freeing the priests in spite of their expressed wishes to the contrary. After the volley was fired into the crowd the peasants dispersed and the guardsmen started away with their prisoners.

BOMB THROWER CONFESSED.

Saldani, an Italian, Wrecked the Liceo Theatre.

BARCELONA, Nov. 9.—The Italian, Saldani, who was arrested on suspicion of having thrown the dynamite bomb in the Liceo theatre, by the explosion of one of which eighteen persons were killed and many more badly wounded, has confessed his crime. Several additional confessions have been arrested on suspicion of being accomplices in the crime. Saldani was arrested as he was hastening down the staircase from the top gallery, just after the explosion. When he was taken before a judge he gave vague replies to the questions put to him. The only definite bit of information that could be got from him then was that he was the leader of a recent strike of marble workers. At a council of the ministry special powers were granted to the police to arrest the persons connected with the crime. The new powers conferred are equivalent to the suspension of the habeas corpus. Fifty of the wounded persons cannot recover. A considerable portion of the furniture of the theatre was ruined and the decorations were damaged. The architect has ordered that the house be temporarily closed. The catastrophe has caused a profound sensation throughout Spain. The authorities of Barcelona are censured for permitting the perpetration of frequent outrages by anarchists or other lawless persons. The queen regent is much upset over this fresh calamity, coming so soon after the Santander disaster.

LUMBERMEN IN SESSION.

Secret Meeting Held at Which the Tariff Was Discussed.

TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 9.—An important meeting of American lumbermen who operate largely in Canadian lumber is being held here. The business is being transacted in a closed door but it was learned tonight that the most important matter under discussion is the proposed revision of the United States tariff which now stands at \$1 per thousand on pine lumber and \$2 per thousand on spruce lumber. All present expressed the opinion that concerted action was not taken immediately, congress would insist upon the admission of lumber free of any duty and carry the measure through both houses. The effect of such a measure would force them to confine their forests wholly in Canada. It was also decided to restrict the output for the coming season. Among the most prominent lumber companies represented are: Shepard & Morse of New York and Burlington, Vermont; E. T. Cunningham, Thomas Grange, G. M. Gates of Bay City, Michigan; H. A. Batchelor, Saginaw, Michigan; C. B. Peck, Cleveland, Ohio, and T. A. Bliss of Detroit.

LORD MAYOR'S DAY.

Mayor G. H. Tyler Installed to Succeed Stuart Knill.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—This is Lord Mayor's day, when a great portion of the population of London gathers to witness the procession attendant upon the taking of office by the newly elected lord mayor. The new lord mayor is G. H. Tyler, who succeeds Sir Stuart Knill. The chief features of the procession were emblematic cars, one of which was a group of men with a cartload of wheat, and another with a cartload of gold. Another, drawn by camels, the symbols of the grocers' company, one of the guilds. There was also in procession a life boat drawn on a car. A number of troops and firemen marched in the line. The weather was fine, but a large crowd gathered along the line of march and the show was greeted with much cheering.

CAPTURE OF BULWAYO.

Chief Lobengula Fired the Huts and Ammunition.

CAPETOWN, Nov. 9.—Despatches from Dr. Jameson have been received at Fort Victoria. They confirm the report that Bulwayo, Lobengula's capital, was captured by the forces of the chartered company. Bulwayo had been abandoned a week before. Lobengula had set fire to the huts and exploded the magazine, which contained 80,000 cartridges and 2,500,000 pounds of powder. They had been discovered by their defeat at Indos mountain, but the men insisted upon another encounter.

Sultan Accedes to Spain's Demands.

MADRID, Nov. 9.—It is announced here today that the sultan of Morocco has acceded to the Spanish demands for preparation for the attacks on Melilla by

the Rifians. The sultan, it is said, has sent 2,000 horsemen, under the command of his most trusted chief, to the Rifians, ordering them to cease hostilities against the Spanish. If the Rifians refuse to obey, the sultan will send an army to enforce his order.

Schooner Minnie Seized.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 9.—Under the instructions of Captain Hughes-Hall of the British navy, the schooner Minnie was yesterday seized by a marshal of the Admiralty. The Minnie was some time ago seized by the Russians for being too near the Copper Islands, and instead of going to Yokohama, as ordered by the Russians, she came to this port.

Opposition Badly Defeated.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Nov. 9.—The defeat of the opposition in the elections is very pronounced. The returns so far stand: Whitewayites, 16; opposition, 4. St. John's city is still Whiteway to the core, though the opposition gained one seat by a split in the government ranks. The prospects are extremely unfavorable to the opposition.

Annie Pixley Dead.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—Miss Annie Pixley, the well-known American actress, died during the night at the home of her brother-in-law, Edward Fulford. Miss Pixley was on her first success in the Pacific coast in "Mabel" the part in which she was best known.

Revolution Stamped Out.

HAYANA, Nov. 9.—The whole province of Santa Clara, where an attempt to start a revolution was made a few days ago, is free from all excitement and disorder.

William Will Open It.

BERLIN, Nov. 9.—Emperor William today decided to open the Reichstag in person.

TEN CAR MOTORS BURNED.

Fire Caused by a Leaky Tank—Loss \$75,000.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—At 6 o'clock this morning ten of the Belgian gas motors were destroyed by a fire at the Racine avenue barn, caused by the explosion of one of the machines. Besides the motors forty street cars were burned, the barn building was ruined and Motor-man Flaherty was badly burned about the face and hands.

The fire was caused by a defect in one of the pipes of a gas motor that had just been "fired up" and was about to move out of the barn. Six of the machines had already gone out on service. Ten others stood in the barn. Only one of these was charged with inflammable gas, the combustion of which yields the motive power of the machine. Motor-man Flaherty had lighted a jet of the gas in the small tube whence a tongue of flame extends to the cylinders where the expansion and combustion of the vapor takes place. Flaherty noticed a strong odor of gas. This was common, but the pungent fluid came in such a volume he thought the machine leaked. He passed a lighted match along the pipes that carry the gas from the six storage tanks to the motor to the cylinder. At the top of one of the tanks a pencil of flame stood out from the pipe as the light came near it. A moment later one of the pipe couplings was forced off by the pressure of the gas. The stream then took fire and blazed from the end of the tube.

Then all of a sudden there was a loud puff, as of gunpowder exploded in the open air, and the whole building seemed to be in flames. The dry pine floor and ceiling of the two-story shed took fire all at once. The paint and varnish on the forty cars caught fire and blazed up. The few men at work in the barn fled for their lives. Some one turned in an alarm, and when the fire engines arrived a second alarm was given. When they reached the place there was nothing left to save, and Fire Marshal Gabriel turned his attention to the horse barn, which were preserved from injury. The forty cars and the ten motors were completely destroyed. Of them there was only the wheels and the iron dashboards and rods. Assistant Superintendent Sherman estimated the loss at \$75,000.

HAD HIS NECK BROKEN.

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 9.—During the religious services in the Salvation army barracks this evening, spectators in the rear part of the room created a disturbance. Members of the army attempted to put Charles Jennings, aged 17, and Joseph Newsham, out of the building. A scuffle followed, during which Christopher Starz, aged 60 years, a private in the army, was choked by Newsham. The two were separated, and Starz, who was greatly excited, walked to the platform, seated himself upon a chair and fell over dead. Physicians were called, and stated that Starz died of heart failure, caused by asphyxiation. An examination of the body, however, it was discovered that his neck was broken.

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New Gold Fields Discovered.

DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 9.—A. L. Gray, government agent, sent out by the general land commissioner to investigate the Rany river gold fields, has returned and says there is undoubtedly plenty of gold in that country. He will recommend the withdrawal of such lands from entry under the timber homestead acts and the extension of the mineral laws to include the gold lands in Minnesota.

Extension Papers for Floyd.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 9.—Extradition papers have been issued by Governor Nelson for Louis Floyd, one of the companions of defunct Schlegel, who was captured on the steamer Westworth at New York. The news of Louis Floyd's apprehension and the arrest of Schlegel and Frank Lloyd, when the steamer Spruce reaches Bremen, created a sensation here.

French Editor Seized.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Suffering from mental depression and the loss of fame and fortune, Henry Vincent, a Frenchman, aged 35 years, committed suicide at a Varick street boarding house this morning. Vincent was only a few years over a well-known man in Paris, where he had been in the French army.

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ASK FOR THE RIGHT

An Ohio Conference of Presbyterian Ministers.

PROTEST AGAINST IMPOSITION

They Set Forth Their Views in a Long Set of Resolutions—Evidently Biggame.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 9.—The conference of Presbyterian ministers and laymen concluded their deliberations at 2 p. m. today and adjourned sine die. The following resolutions were prepared and will be printed in all the church papers besides being sent to the members of the presbyterian church and ministry throughout the country:

First.—We believe that the general assembly has no right to impose upon the church new doctrinal statements under the guise of interpretation, whether by deliberation or through judicial process, and further that interpretation of doctrine by the courts of the church ought always to be strictly within the letter of the standards and with sacred regard to the broad and generous terms of the reunion of 1870.

Scrupleless Care Essential.

Second.—We believe that the most scrupleless care should be used in all trials for doctrinal divergences from the standards, especially now when a large majority of the presbyterians have expressed, after much deliberation, their dissatisfaction with our confession of faith, as it stands, their desire for its revision and, many of them, their desire for a new creed. We view with great concern procedures at such a time conducted to severest sentences, by which seems to us interpretations of our standards, strained beyond their letter and for beyond any just regard for the compact of the reunion.

Third.—We believe that no court of our church has a right by deliberation or resolution or rebuke, or otherwise, to seek to suppress respectful action by judicatories below it, expressive of their anxiety and apprehension concerning anything in the church which seems to them to impair the constitutional liberties of the church, or of any of its members. The right of petition and remonstrance must not be denied in the church of Christ.

A Strained Interpretation.

Fourth.—We believe that the interpretation of one or two phrases in our book of discipline, meaning that a presiding committee should become members of the church, or of any of its members. The right of petition and remonstrance must not be denied in the church of Christ.

Fifth.—We believe that it is no part of the constitutional powers of any court of the church to warn honest and God-fearing men to withdraw themselves from its ministry or eldership, because their interpretations of doctrine which are outside the letter of the confession, and which have never been settled by the sanction of the presbyterians in any legal way. This method of discipline by withdrawal, enjoined by resolution of a church court, is not provided for in the book of discipline, such warning carries no obligation of obedience.

Dr. Johnson Endorsed.

Sixth.—We believe that our church is broad and strong enough to abide by spirit of the compact of reunion and to embrace in its communion and its ministry, all forms and schools of reverent scholarship which accept the essential and acknowledged of the Lord Jesus as divine master and savior and the Bible as the only infallible rule of faith and practice.